

County and Eastern Kentucky will remember him for much more. George was a veteran of World War II, having served honorably in the United States Army. His legacy is even more firmly grounded in his public service and tireless efforts for progress in one of the most rural, distressed county's in our Nation.

The people of Leslie County elected George Wooton as Sheriff for one term and County Judge Executive for three terms. George attended every event, large or small because he believed in supporting his community and their interests. In every crowd, there was no mistaking George's presence. He was the type of man who greeted everyone and gladly spoke up for anyone not bold enough to share their concerns. He will be remembered for his compassion, his tenacity and boisterous personality.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring George Wooton for dedicating a lifetime of service to the families of Eastern Kentucky, our Commonwealth and our great Nation.

**HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF RETAIL OPERATIONS AT ECKERT'S FAMILY FARMS**

**HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2010*

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 100th Anniversary of retail operations at Eckert's Family Farms in Belleville, Illinois.

The Eckert family has been involved in farming since their ancestor, Johann Peter Eckert, came to this country from Germany in the 1830's. The first fruit trees, for which the family has become renowned in southwestern Illinois and surrounding areas, were planted near Fayetteville, Illinois, almost 150 years ago. Alvin O. Eckert opened a roadside produce stand on what was known as Turkey Hill, near Belleville, Illinois, in 1910. Thus was born a tradition that has grown and prospered for 100 years.

Currently, sixth and seventh generation Eckert family members oversee an operation that includes multiple orchards, a newly expanding country store and restaurant, garden center and wholesale operations. Generations of area families have built memories and savored the produce at Eckert's pick-your-own orchards, which are the largest family-owned and operated pick-your-own orchards in the United States.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 100th Anniversary of retail operations at Eckert's family farms and to wish the Eckert family and all of their employees the very best for many years to come.

**HONORING THE CLUB HOUSE AT LAKE HOPATCONG YACHT CLUB**

**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2010*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Club House at Lake

Hopatcong Yacht Club, located in Morris County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 100th Anniversary.

Recognized on both the National and New Jersey State Register of Historic Places, this building is the single most important surviving link to Lake Hopatcong's past grandeur as a major northeast resort. Built during the golden years of the lake's resort period, it is a tribute to an era when the lake hosted grand hotels, magnificent summer "cottages," two amusement parks and some of the most famous Americans of the day.

Appearing nearly unchanged from its construction in 1910, the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club's Club House is a structure almost frozen in time, bearing witness to a near forgotten period in northwestern New Jersey's history. Its stately charm recounts long forgotten days when thousands made the trek to what is known as the "jewel of the mountains." The club house has endured prosperity and depression, peace and war, seen popular music move through ragtime, jazz, swing, and rock-and-roll, and witnessed the country go from the first automobile to the moon. From an origin of catboats, Fay and Bowen's and Model T's, the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club has left behind a legacy of sailors, sportsmen and friends.

While Lake Hopatcong continues today as a wonderful recreation source with numerous marinas and waterfront restaurants, the Club House of the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club, provides members with a lasting glimpse into the lake's great history.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Club House of the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club as it celebrates its centennial.

**OLGA SLYUSAR**

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2010*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Olga Slyusar who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Olga Slyusar is a 12th grader at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Olga Slyusar is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Olga Slyusar for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

**HONORING RON GETTELFINGER FOR HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE UAW**

SPEECH OF

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 23, 2010*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ron Gettelfinger today upon his retirement from the United Auto Workers or UAW. Ron devoted his long and distinguished career to helping his colleagues and the American people achieve the American dream; and as he leaves the working world, it is my great pleasure to honor his professional efforts and accomplishments.

Growing up with 11 brothers and sisters in Frenchtown, Indiana, Ron got some early lessons in negotiating with others. After graduating high school in 1962, he moved to Louisville, Kentucky and in 1964 was hired as a chassis line repairman at the Louisville Assembly Plant of Ford Motor Company.

In one of his earliest jobs Ron so impressed those around him that the workers in the plant elected him to represent them as committeeperson, bargaining chairperson and president. Ron excelled in these positions and also functioned as a delegate to the National Ford Council and Sub-Council # 2.

After twenty years of work in the auto industry, Ron was elected president of local union 862. In 1987, he became a member of the Ford-UAW bargaining committee. When he was asked by Car and Driver magazine about what prompted this move into the union arena, he simply responded "I just thought I should apply my education to helping the workers."

Ron moved on to other union positions, including director of United Auto Workers Region 3, which represents United Auto Workers' members in Indiana and Kentucky. After six years in this role, he was elected UAW vice president in 1998.

As Vice President, Ron was director of the UAW Aerospace Department and the UAW Ford Department, where he led negotiations in 1999 that focused on "Bargaining for Families." In 2002, he was elected president of the UAW and was re-elected in 2006. On March 19, 2009, Ron announced his intent to retire at the end of his term.

During his tenure at the helm of the UAW, Ron has been an outspoken advocate for national single-payer health care in the United States. Under his leadership, the UAW has lobbied for fair trade agreements that include provisions for workers' rights and environmental provisions. With the help of these efforts, Congress enacted legislation to reform health, expand the children health insurance program (S-CHIP), the economic stimulus package, auto restructuring, the Lilly Ledbetter equal pay legislation, as well as a minimum wage increase.

During his presidency the UAW successfully lobbied for the enactment of compromise CAFE legislation in 2007, which included the Section 136 program to provide funds to encourage investment in domestic production of advanced technology vehicles and their key components. With Ron's help Congress was also able to facilitate agreement on a national standard for regulating greenhouse gas emissions and fuel economy for light, medium and